



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
**Rose-Pehrsson et al.**  
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For: **Identification of Fire Signatures for Shipboard Multi-Criteria Fire Detection Systems**

**Preliminary Amendment**

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Request to Convert the Provisional Application to a Non-provisional Application, please add the following new claims to the specification previously filed in the provisional application.

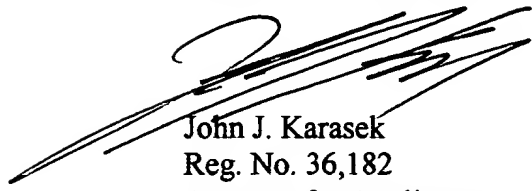
**In the Claims**

Please add claims 1-4 to this application, as shown on the enclosed paper entitled "CLAIMS".

**Remarks**

Claims 1-4 are now being added to the patent application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.53(c)(3). Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment now be entered and that the provisional application be converted to a nonprovisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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